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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A review and approval system for media content comprising a plurality of frames of digital data, comprising:
- a player for playing the media content;
 - a comment receiver for receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames, and for receiving comments from a the reviewer pertaining to the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of the media content; and
 - a storage manager for storing the received comments in frame accurate correspondence with the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data to which the received comments pertain.
2. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein the media content includes video data ordered by time code.
3. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein the media content includes audio data.
4. (Currently Amended) The review and approval system of claim 1 further including:
- a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of ~~one or more~~ a plurality of reviewers to provide the comments.
5. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein the comments include text.
6. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein the comments include voice comments.
7. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein the player and the comment receiver execute on a first computer system and the storage manager executes on a

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second computer system, and the first computer system and the second computer system are coupled by a communications network.

8. (Previously Presented) A review and approval system for reviewing media content by a reviewer and capable of communicating with a media editing system, comprising:

a player for playing the media content wherein the media content comprises a plurality of frames of digital data;

a comment receiver for receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames, and for receiving comments by the reviewer, corresponding to the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of the media content; and

a storage manager for storing the received comments in frame accurate correspondence with the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data to which the received comments correspond, and

a file generator for producing a data file of the received comments for informing the media editing system of the comments by the reviewer.

9. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the data file has a data structure identifying the reviewer and the comment received from the reviewer.

10. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the data file has a data structure identifying a frame rate for playing the media content.

11. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the data file has a data structure identifying the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data that correspond to the received comments.

12. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the data file indicates that the data file contains the comments of the review and approval system.

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13. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the media content includes video data ordered by timecode.
14. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the media content includes audio data.
15. Cancelled.
16. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 further including:
a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide the comments.
17. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the comments include text.
18. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the comments include voice comments.
19. (Previously Presented) The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein the player and the comment receiver execute on a first computer system and the storage manager executes on a second computer system, and first computer system and the second computer system are coupled by a communications network.
20. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, comprising:
a computer readable medium; and
computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions, when executed by a computer, instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content, comprising:
playing the media content, wherein the media content comprises a plurality of frames of digital data;

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receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames;

receiving comments pertaining to the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of the media content; and

storing the received comments in frame accurate correspondence with the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of digital data to which the received comments pertain.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions, when executed by a computer, instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing system, comprising:

playing the media content wherein the media content comprises a plurality of frames of digital data;

receiving an indication from a reviewer of a start frame and an end frame of a selected one or more of the plurality of frames;

receiving comments by the user, corresponding to the selected one or more of the plurality of frames of the media content; and

communicating the comments of the user, and a frame accurate indication of the selected one or more of the plurality of frames to which the comments correspond, to the editing system.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the process for reviewing media content and providing comments by a user corresponding to the media content and communicating the comments to an editing system further includes communicating the one or more plurality of frames of digital data corresponding to the comments to the editing system.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the process for reviewing media content and providing comments by a user corresponding to the media content and communicating the comments to an editing system further includes communicating to the editing system that the communicated comments originated at the review and approval system.